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# ACCOUNT.

OF THE

*True AUTHOR of two  
Infamous LIBELS,*

ENTITLED,

I. A LETTER from Count  
Sinzendorf, &c. to Mr. De Palm,  
late Resident, &c. dated from  
Vienna, Febr. 20. N. S. 1727.

II. A MEMORIAL presented  
by Mr. De Palm, &c.

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## APPENDIX

Containing the said LIBELS, with  
proper REMARKS, &c.

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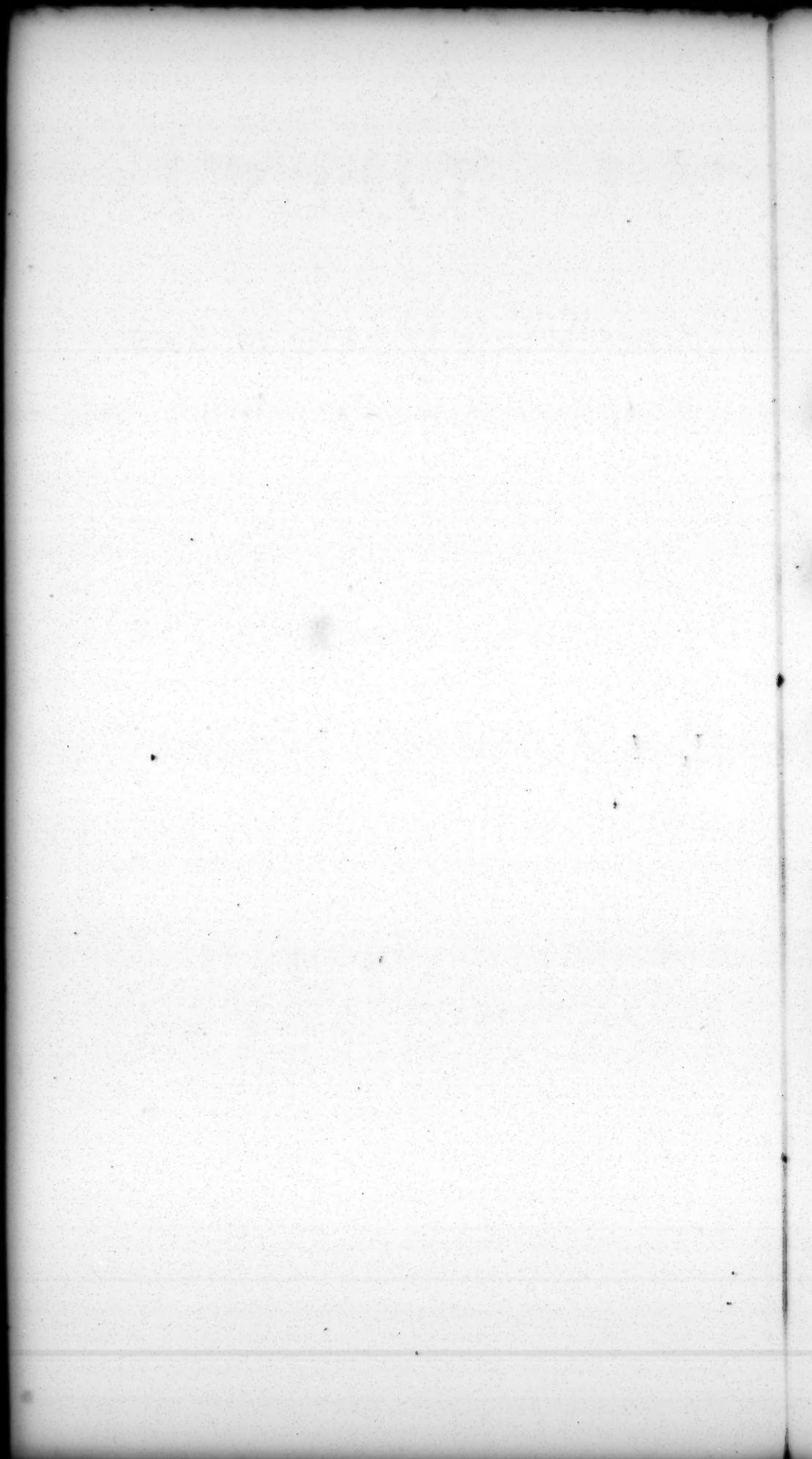
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WHERE, when, or how  
this great Man was born,  
is not material, but  
that he was born is most certain.  
According to some, he was of the  
City of Devent in the Province of  
Groninghen, and of a Gentleman's  
Family, being called John-William,  
Baron of Ripperda. He was of the  
Religion of the Country, whose  
God is Gold, and, being a true Wor-  
shipper,

shipper, he went on Pilgrimage to that Part of the World where it keeps its first Court in *Europe*; for he went to *Spain* as the *Mahometans* go to *Mecca*, and the zealous Papists to *Loretta*.

As to the outward Forms of Religion which Men call *Protestant*, *Papist*, *Turk*, *Jew*, *Free-thinker*, &c. he looked upon them as other *Ministers* do, and thought them only various Dresses to deck and set off the same *Idol*. The love of Gold was with him the only true Catholick Faith, since for this the Mahometan Dervis and Jewish Rabbin expound their Law; for this the Jesuit goes to *China* for Proselytes, and leaves the *Swedes* with their Copper in Darkness; for this the Godly rail against Tithes for more profitable Contributions;

tions; for this Dean B——y sails to the *Bermuda's*, and forsakes the Wild *Irish* for the more tractable *Indians*; for this a broken Barber or *Valet* quits *France* under the pretence of Religion, and commences a *Marqué* with a Pension in *England*; howsoever therefore People differ in their Modes of Worship, he well knew that *Turk* and *Presbyterian*, *Quaker* and *Papist*, *Independent* and *Established Teachers*, all agree in crying out -- *Great is Diana of the Ephesians!*

Having thus resolved all things into their first Principles, and found out that the *Primum Mobile* was Gold, he determined, by rendering himself Master of the source of that Metal, to get the Dominion of the rest of the World: Some little Obstacles indeed obstructed him in the way to-

wards this glorious Enterprize; *Religion, Honour, Conscience, Love of his Country, Honesty, Fame,* and many other Bugbears, mere empty Names and Illusions; but these he as easily repelled as *Aeneas* the crouding Ghosts in his descent to *Hell*, the Realm of *Plutus*.

In pursuance of this Scheme he became great by Bankruptcy and Flight from Justice in *Holland*, which made him a Minister of State in *Spain*; there, like *Diomed* in the *Iliad* of *Homēr*, he trucked *Brass* for Gold; Assurance supplyed the want of Parts, and because he was a *Dutchman* the *Spaniards* concluded he must of course be an Accomptant: He was therefore made President of the *Finances*, or, as we would call it, *Lord Treasurer*; and having once master'd the

*Arcanum*

*Arcanum Magnum, or Philosopher-stone,*  
 he turned it at Vienna into Rhemiss  
 and Tokay, and by his powerful Ar-  
 guments, and more powerful Wine,  
 join'd to the Weight of Spanish Pi-  
 stoles, prevailed with the Imperial  
 Court to accede to a Treaty extreme-  
 ly advantageous to themselves.

As to the Particulars how he  
 came to this Height of Power, we  
 shall not pretend to say any farther,  
 than that by the Death of many Mi-  
 nisters of great Parts and real Merit,  
 there followed a Dearth, and for  
 want of fitter Persons, a meer Fi-  
 nancer was made use of.

In his Youth he was a *Republican*  
 and a *Patriot*, because he lived in a  
 State where a *Patriot* was a thriving  
*Calling*; but when his insatiable Ava-  
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rice grew too great to be endured by a free People, he even fled to Tyranny for Shelter. A Patriot was then his Jeſt, and none ſo ſure to meet with his Aversion as the Party he had deſerted; Liberty and Honesty, with the Pretence of which he ow'd his firſt Figure in the World, was the chief Subject of his Ridicule; and the only Contest under his Adminiſtration was, whether KNAVES or FOOLS were the fitteſt for Employments. These Qualifications, and the Honour of having concluded *Alliances* highly diſadvantageous to Spain, he was promoted to be FIRST MINISTER: In this Station he grew petulant in Power, and because he could bully or bribe the Spanish Counſels, he thought all Europe muſt bow to his Nod, and owe their Fate to his Determination.

He was so transported with the Flattery that follows this height of Power, that he fancy'd himself really to be what his Parasites endeavour'd to persuade him. He even imagined himself an Orator, and in broken *Flemish* wou'd often harangue his Crowd of Courtiers, and was weak enough to be pleased with their Approbation ; when a very little Reflection wou'd have shewn him ; That it was the *Finances*, and not the *Orator*, whose motley Harangues were so prevailing.

How unequal a match this evil Minister of arbitrary Power was for our most excellent and wise Administration, his short Blaze of Glory and sudden Ruin has determined ; the Wisdom, Probity, Diligence and Uncorruptness of those whom we have

have the Happiness to see employ'd by our most gracious Sovereign, soon overcame the cunning, artifice, vanity and corruption of this *mere Fleming*: In one Thing indeed he shew'd his Wisdom; for he betimes perceived how much his Undertakings were above his Strength, for, by selling the Prince who had trusted him, he thought to make his Peace with the *British* Nation, and to be paid by us for betraying the *Spaniards*, because he had obtain'd Bribes from them as a Reward for his Treachery to his own country.

This shews the Wisdom and Address of those at the head of Affairs, since they know how to make even the chief Ministers of Foreign Nations their Tools and Pensioners. But this their prudent Management was

was in some measure frustrated by the Artifices of that *Machiavelian* Minister of Darknes, to say no worse of him, Cardinal *Alberoni*, who found out that the said *Ripperda* was growing honest, and coming into our Interest, and that it was he who prevented *Gibraltar's* being besieged early in the Spring, and hinder'd the Spanish Mony from being remitted into *Germany*; which wou'd have enabled the Imperial Troops to take the Field in *Silesia*.

*Alberoni* giving an Account of his Discoveries to the Courts of *Vienna* and *Madrid*, and the first of these having complain'd to the other Court of the Non-payment of the Mony stipulated between them, the King of Spain sent for the Duke *de Ripperda*, and told him, that he discharg-

ed him from being President of the Council of Finances, on which he, with the Insolence peculiar to men who think themselves useful, reply'd, that since his Majesty thought him unfit for that Station, and that it was too heavy a Burthen for him, he desired Leave with it to lay down all his other Employments, and to be eas'd at once from the Trouble of all Court-Attendance by an entire Dismission: The King took him at his word, and, when he was withdrawn, he ordered a Resolution to be enter'd in the Council Books to this Effect, *viz.*

“ That his Majesty, out of his  
 “ great Goodness, at the request of  
 “ the Duke of Ripperda, was pleased  
 “ to grant to the laid Duke leave  
 “ to lay down all his Employ-  
 “ ments,

" ments, and to dismiss him from  
 " his Service ; and farther, in con-  
 " sideration of his former Fidelity,  
 " to grant him a Pension of three  
 " thousand Pistoles for Life *per ann.* to  
 " be paid to him either at *Madrid*,  
 " or any other place that he should  
 " appoint.

On this Order's being notified to the Duke *de Ripperda*, he went to thank the King for his Goodness ; but as he return'd from Court, instead of going home, he went into the coach of the Ambassador of *Holland*, and order'd it to drive to the House of Colonel *Stanhope* Lord Ambassador of *Great Britain* As soon as the King was inform'd of his Retreat, he order'd a Detachment of his Guards to surround Mr. *Stanhope's* House, who thereupon assured

the King that he wou'd be accountable for the Person of the said Duke, who, since th.s, has been confined close Prisoner in the Castle of Sagonia, and order'd to be prosecuted for High Treason. Thus you see the fatal Effects of Ambition, Avarice, and Corruption. For though Fortune and Cunning may make Villains to triumph for a time they often like Lightning only blaze and vanish ; which was the Fate of this Minister, there being but three years from his first Rise to his Destruction.

We might have been much more particular in our Account of this fallen Minister, were we not apprehensive of being thought to describe some of our own great Men under the Name of the Duke de Ripperda ; For Knaves of all countries have a sort of Affinity, and often resemble each

each other in their outward Form, as well as their mind: But this is so consummate a Statesman that we must look back to the last Age for his Equal, and even there we can hardly find three to match him; there are many who came pretty near him, but none who posses so many of his excellent Qualities, as two *Grandeës* who flouris'd together; the one noted for *Treachery and Apostacy*, and the other remarkable for unbounded *Ambition*, unsatiable *Avarice* and the height of *Ingratitude*. This latter indeed seems to be most like him, and had the Duke *de Ripperda* been contented to satiate his Appetite for Wealth and Power with the same temper and caution, he might have reign'd as long, had as many Grants of Lands and Palaces, and perhaps too have been buried at the publick charge

charge with the greatest pomp and magnificence.

The Maxims of this Satesman are very remarkable, and very much resemble those of the pious Author of *The Fable of the Bees*, who, we are told, is of the same Country and Religion with our Duke; which indeed is not impossible, since the Air and Climate sometimes have the same Effect upon the Minds as the Bodies of People; and we find that those Countries which are most famous for Monsters, are no less noted for Variety of Religions.

His first Principle was, *That Mankind are naturally Villains*, and so we presume that he admitted himself as one of the Number; and, as a consequence of this, he tells us that the vilest and most hateful Qualities are the most necessary Accomplishments

ments of a great Min, or a fine Gentleman ; it is not to be wondered therefore that the *Beaumonde* greatly admire the *Dutch System* just mentioned ; tho' if we were to judge of his morals by his poetry, we need not be Criticks to prove them to be very wretched, and well suited to the Half-peny Sheet in which they first made their Appearance ; and we cannot but agree with the Author when he says, That *he had not the least Design of being witty.* The rest of this Gentleman's Principles and Maxims are so much of a Piece with those of his Countryman Dr. M. that the Wits and Beaux must be already acquainted with them, and the Curious may have Recourse to the Author.

Such is the man, and such his morals, who was really the Author  
of

of those Infamous Libels, entitled, &c. tho' some will have him to be assisted by a certain Duke now at *Madrid*; of whom nothing more need be said than that he is a *Dishonour* to our Country.

AS for the Remarks which were promis'd in our Title, we have indeed made such as were proper; for what better Answer can be given to such scurrilous, false, and impudent Libels than displaying the character of their Author. Are they fit to be reason'd with who presume to give the Lie to MAJESTY, who tell a Brave and Wise People, That they are *Fools* and *Asses*, and who endeavour, under specious pretences, to sow Discord between the best KING and the happiest Subjects in the whole World?

## APPENDIX.

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## LETTER

*From Count De Sinzendorf,  
Chancellor of the Court to his Imperial  
and Catholick Majesty, sent to Mon-  
sieur De Palm, the Emperor's late  
Resident in the Court of G— B—,  
dated from Vienna the 20th of  
February, 1727.*

HIS Imperial and Catholick  
Majesty judges it indispens-  
ably necessary upon the  
Step which has been lately taken in the

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Country where you are, to send you in the Dispatch here annexed a Memorial, which you are to present to the K— of G— B—, and to publish afterwards, that the whole Nation may be acquainted with it, whilst Answers are preparing to certain Pamphlets published before the opening of the Parliament.

It is easy to see that the Speech was made for no purpose but to excite that Nation to a Rupture and open War with the Emperor and with *Spain*, and to make the Parliament approve the precipitate and burthensome Measures which the Government has taken for private Ends, but too well known, that not only unwarrantable Inferences and Pretences have been made use of, but that manifest Falshoods have

have been boldly advanced for indisputable Facts ; a proceeding never seen before among Powers who ought to respect each other, when in the most flagrant Wars ; from whence it ought to be presumed that the K---, whose sacred Mouth ought to be an Oracle of Truth, must have been himself abused by the suggestions and false reports of those who have the Honour to possess his Confidence, and who think it their Interest to inflame by these means both the Prince and the Nation for their own private Views and personal Preservation, without any regard to the Honour of the Majesty of the Throne, or to the Evils which may result from hence to their own Country, and to all Europe.

For these purposes they establish a foundation, and lay down as a certain Fact, that there is a positive Article in the Treaty of Alliance between the Emperor and the King of *Spain*, to place the Pretender on the Throne of \* \* \* \*, and to invade that Kingdom with open Force; and this they do a few Days after the Minister Plenipotentiary of the Catholick King had before his departure from *London* in a Memorial presented in the sacred Name of his Master publickly, and in the most authentick manner disavowed these Imputations, which sufficiently prove the Emperor's disavow all of the same, since the pretended Article was equally imputed to the two Powers, and one of them could not have stipulated any

any thing in the same Treaty without the other. Besides which it is to be considered, that six Months ago, upon the first Reports of the false suppositions, the Emperor and King of *Spain*, in order to silence them, proposed a formal Act, *De non offendendo*, into which all the Allies on one side and the other might enter, and which wou'd effectually have secured the peaceable Possessions of each of the Powers contracting, either in the Treaty of *Vienna*, or that of *Hanover*, till such time as it had been possible, by one general Treaty, to remove and quiet the Complaints of all sides : But the Proposals were rendered ineffectual by the same Views of those Persons who chose rather to hinder the peaceable Effects of these just Designs,

## Designs, by Attacks and open Hostilities.

It is further known, and it is even notorious, by the solemn Communication made to the \* \* \* \* \* \* \* of the Treaty of Peace concluded at *Vienna* between the Emperor and the King of *Spain*, that the Treaty of the Quadruple Alliance made at *London* the 2d of *August* 1718, has been laid down as the unalterable Basis of their Peace, and that all the Articles of this Quadruple Alliance are therein confirm'd and corroborated, as if they had been inserted anew. How then can it be supposed and even given out as a matter of fact, that by another secret Treaty sign'd on the same Day, Conditions have been established, and Engagements

ments taken, entirely repugnant to the same.

Such a Thing cannot be advanced without insulting and injuring, in the most outrageous manner, the Majesty of the two contracting Powers, who have a right to demand a signal Reparation and Satisfaction proportion'd to the Enormity of the Affront ; which equally interests their Honour and the Faith which ought always to be respected among Sovereign Princes.

But if those who endeavour to avail themselves of such feign'd Recriminations, and to excuse themselves from the Blame which their rash and turbulent measures deserve, imagine that their unjustifiable conduct may at last oblige the Emperor

peror and King of *Spain* to repel force by force, and to defend themselves by all those means which God has put into their hands from the mischiefs with which they are threatened, and from the insults and attacks which have been actually made use of against them, so far that it has been even attempted to engage the *Ottoman Port* in the unparallel'd Designs, at least ought they not to publish, as antecedent facts, those things which they have reason to apprehend may be the consequence of a War, into which they will have forc'd the two Powers to enter in their own just Defence?

The Emperor and King of *Spain* hope however from the Divine Goodness, and from the Wisdom of Persons less prejudiced and less passionate,

nate, that more mature and serious Reflections will be made in order to restore amicably the publick tranquility, and to save all *Europe* from the misfortunes of a War, stirr'd up by motives so trifling and groundless, which can tend to nothing but the destruction of the Subject, of his Estate, and of his Commerce.

Their Majesties the Emperor and the King of *Spain* ardently desire the blessing of peace, and to observe the Treaties with all the Allies with the strictest Fidelity. But as a mutual contract can subsist no longer on one side, than while it remains unbroken on the other; the evil Consequences of a Rupture, if that should happen, ought to be imputed to those alone who

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have been the Authors of those Infractions.

I have the Emperor's express Orders to write this to you in his Name, that you may be able to destroy those Falshoods and Calumnies which have been charged on the high contracting Parties of the Treaty of *Vienna*, who have no other View but that of making Peace between themselves, and without hurting any one else.

I am, &c.

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# TRANSLATION OF THE MEMORIAL

*Presented in Latin to the  
K— of G— B—— by  
Monsieur De Palm the Emperor's  
late Resident, upon the Speech which  
his B—— M—— made to the  
two H—— of P—— on the  
23<sup>rd</sup> of January, 1727.*

*Most Serene and Potent K—,*

AS soon as the Speech made  
by your M—— to the  
P—— of G—t B—n  
now assembled, came to the know-  
ledge

ledge of his Imperial and Catholick Majesty, my most gracious Master, he was struck with the utmost astonishment, that your M--y could suffer your self to be prevailed upon to declare from the R---T--- to the most renowned Nation, in a manner hitherto unheard of, as certain and undoubted Facts, several Things, some of which are strained in that Speech to a wrong Sense, some are intirely distant from the intentions of his Imperial and Catholick Majesty, and lastly, (which affects much more sensibly than all the rest) some Things absolutely void of all foundation.

For as to what regards the Peace concluded at *Vienna* with the most serene King of *Spain*, who can forbear being astonished, that this very

very Peace, which is built on the Quadruple Alliance signed at *London*, and other Treaties contracted with your M——, as its solid and sole Foundation, and for the obtaining of which Peace your M——, together with your Allies, waged so bloody, so long, and so glorious a War, and took your self so much pains to procure, should now be alledged by your M—— as a just ground of Complaint; and should be made use of as a pretence for those things, which hitherto your M—— have been doing in all Parts, to the great detriment of the Emperor and the Empire, and the publick Tranquillity; and should be represented by your M—— to the B—— Nation with so much Animosity against the Emperor and the King of *Spain*, as a Violation of Treaties?

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After complaining of the Peace made at *Vienna*, complaint is likewise made of the Treaty of Commerce entered into with *Spain*, which is calculated to promote the mutual and lawful Advantages of the Subjects of both Parties, which is agreeable to the Law of Nations, and to the Customs of all People in amity with each other, which can in no respect be of any prejudice to the *B — Nation*, whether we regard the situation of the Countries, or the particular nature of the Trade, and which is not in the least repugnant to the Treaties made with *G---t B---n*; so that if this Treaty be considered with a Mind free from Prejudice, and from all Design of inflaming the Nation, there will remain no Pretence to say, that this Treaty

Treaty can be grievous or hurtful to a Nation for which his Imperial Majesty has the greatest affection and esteem, and whose glorious Exploits and important Succours no Time will efface out of his memory.

The other Head of Complaint, which contains such Things as are void of all Foundation, relates principally to that imaginary Alliance which in the Speech is called *Offensive*, and is there supposed to have been made against your M— between the Emperor and the King of Spain. But it will not only appear how groundless and frivolous this Supposition is, from the Offer lately made by his Imperial and Catholick Majesty of entering into a Convention, *De se mutuo non Offendendo*, but will be entirely refuted by  
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the Consideration of the tenour of the Treaty of Alliance and Friendship it self made with the Crown of Spain, and communicated in its whole Extent to your M— when it was proper; from the Words of which whether the least shadow or appearance of an Offensive Alliance can be drawn, is submitted to the Judgment of the whole World.

Another Part of the Complaint relates to the secret Articles made in Favour of the Pretender, whereof your M—y asserts, that you have certain and undoubted Informations, by which Articles it shou'd have been agreed to set the Pretender on the Throne of \* \* \* \* \*; with what View, and what Motive, and what Purpose, these Informations founded on the falsest Reports, were represented

sented to the People of \* \* \* \* \*,  
is not only easy to be understood by  
his Imperial and Catholick Majesty,  
but is obvious even to the meanest  
Capacity !

But since the inviolable Dignity  
and Honour of such great Princes  
cannot suffer that Assertions of this  
Nature, intirely unsupported by  
Truth, shou'd be advanced from the  
R—I T—e to the whole Nation,  
and to all Mankind; his sacred Impe-  
rial and Catholick Majesty has expressly  
commanded me that I shou'd declare  
to your M—y, and to the whole  
Kingdom of \* \* \* \* \*, how  
highly he thinks himself affronted  
thereby, solemnly affirming upon his  
Imperial Word that there exists no  
secret Article or Convention whatso-  
ever, which contains, or can tend to

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prove the least tittle of what has been alledged.

But that the secret Designs which lie concealed under a Conduct till this Time unheard of, may more manifestly appear; it must be observ'd that the Time is purposely taken for doing this, when a Negotiation is on foot at *Paris* for composing the Differences which have arisen without any Fault of his Imperial and Catholick Majesty; which Negotiation sufficiently shews how much his Imperial and Catholick Majesty is at all times inclined to Peace, and to the religious Observation of his Treaties.

As to what is said of *Gibraltar*, and concerning the Siege thereof, under which in the Speech it is insinuated

ated as if some other Design was concealed; the Hostilities notoriously committed in the Indies and elsewhere against the King of Spain, in Violation of Treaties, seem to have given a very just occasion to the King of Spain for attempting that Siege. But as to the Intentions and Engagements of the Emperor upon that Article, it is easy to see what they are by the Treaty above mentioned, which has been communicated.

As to what is said, in the last place, concerning the *Ostend Trade*, which the Goodness of the Catholick King induced him to favour (being bound by no Treaty) after he had been apprised of the just Reasons for the Establishment of it, various Expedients for a Composition have been

been propos'd, not only at the Hague and in other places, but even lately at Paris, least this harmful Method of providing for the Security of the Barrier shou'd prove an Obstacle to the common Friendship of neighbouring Powers.

Which Things being thus, the Injury offer'd to Truth, the Honour and Dignity of his Sacred Imperial and Catholick Majesty, require that they shou'd be expoſed to your M—y, to the Kingdom of \* \* \* \* and to the whole World. And his sacred Imperial Majesty demands that Reparation which is due to him by all manner of Right, for the great Injuries which have been done him by these many Imputations.

